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## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES**

Monday, December 15, 2014 9:00 AM Conference Call

Call-in Number 218-895-3850 Passcode 6291303#

**Board Present:** Andrew Martinez

Tom Klumker Kim Chesser Lewis Derrik Doug Decker Caren Cowan Richard Searle Tommie Martin Drew John Robert Corbell Bucky Allred

Kendal Buzard

Proxies

Darr Shannon

Nita Taylor

Non-Voting Members & Guests: Karen Budd-Falen, Coalition Legal Council, Barry Weller, Supervisor Apache County, Kay Gale, County Administrator Greenlee County, Howard Hutchinson

The meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Drew John, Coalition President and Representative for Graham County, Arizona.

## **Item #1: Executive Session**

President Drew John requested a motion to go into executive session to discuss proposed or pending litigation with the admonition that no other issues were to be discussed and that upon exiting the executive session the board will disclose and discuss actions to be taken by the Board on items discussed in executive session in the public portion of the meeting.

Action: The motion to go into executive session was made by Andrew Martinez seconded by Lewis Derrick. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Item #2: Exit Executive Session**

President Drew John returned the public meeting with no other parties joining the meeting. He requested the board to bring forward discussion and action on the items discussed in executive session.

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Action: The motion to have Karen Budd-Falen continue with the preparation of the complaint on the Mexican Wolf 10(j) rule Final EIS and have the Coalition office serve as the communication point for securing the information from the co-plaintiffs and collection of funding was made by Richard Searle and seconded by Lewis Derrick. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: The motion to have stay the course on the challenge to the declaration of critical habitat on the Jaguar was made by Lewis Derrick and seconded by Tommie Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

No Action Taken: The Board agreed that we had already taken action on the intervention in the CBD Mexican wolf suit to seek an update of the recovery plan since the Board had already authorized proceeding at the December 4, 2014 meeting. The purpose of the discussion was to air the particulars of the litigation so that individual member counties could have the information necessary to determine their participation as individually listed plaintiffs. A. Blair Dunn had informed Howard that even if his office did not get the commitment from 10 plaintiffs to cover their estimated \$25,000.00 cost they would proceed with no further costs to the parties who have already agreed to sign on.

